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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Further to the previously filed Information Disclosure Statement, Applicant hereby submits copies of the following documents to ensure that the file is complete.

JP 6-40938 A accompanied by an English abstract.

EP 0 456 188 A1

A duly completed Form PTO-1449 was filed in the Information Disclosure Statement listing each of JP 6-40938 A and EP 0 456 188 A1. Another Form PTO-1449 is submitted herewith listing the English abstract of JP 6-40938 A. The Examiner is therefore requested to consider each of these documents, and to make them of record in this application by initialing in the appropriate spaces on the Forms PTO-1449. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner include a copy of the initialed Forms PTO-1449 with the next communication from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Applicant notes that while this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed more than three months from the filing date, Applicant has have not received a first action on the merits from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Accordingly, consideration of the enclosed document is required under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b)(3).

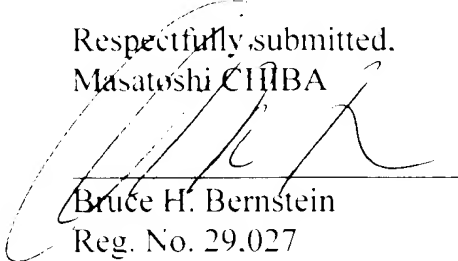
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However, if the first action on the merit has been mailed prior to the filing date of this disclosure statement, Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees necessary to ensure consideration of the documents cited herein to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding this matter, the undersigned may be contacted at the below-listed telephone number.

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